REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of January 26, 2005, to which this Amendment responds, states that the reason for non-compliance of the Amendment dated December 17, 2004 is the fact that the text of cancelled claims 1-3 was not included in the last Amendment.

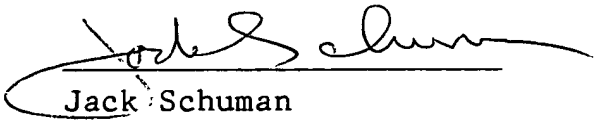
The stated reason for the conclusion of non-compliance is puzzling. The Rules of Practice of the Patent and Trademark Office states very clearly, at 37 CFR 1.121 (c)(4)(i), that:

> "No claim text shall be presented for any claim in the claim listing with the status of 'cancelled' or 'not entered'"

Nonetheless, in an effort to move this case along to allowance, applicant's attorney has included the text of cancelled claims 1-3 in this Amendment in complete response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

All of which is

Respectfully submitted



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